

FOUR MASKED MEN SHOOT VICTIM DEAD AND MAKE ESCAPE

Milk Dealer Ruggia Walks Into a Black Hand Ambush as He Goes Rounds.

HE EXPECTED TROUBLE.

Was Armed, but His Assassins Carefully Laid Plan and Were Too Quick for Him.

The victim, the police believe, of a cunningly devised Black Hand plot, James Ruggia, forty years old, a milk dealer of No. 100 Walling street, Forest Park, was shot and instantly killed at 4 o'clock this morning in the vestibule of a house at No. 342 Linden street, Brooklyn.

Four men, all masked, took part in the affair and escaped. The Hamburg avenue station police have no clue to the murderer.

Ruggia conducted a general milk business with his brother, Domenico Ruggia, a helper, Cliffo Battista, twenty-three years old, lives at the Walling street home with them, and assists in the delivery through the Ridgewood section.

Battista and James Ruggia stopped their wagon early this morning on Linden street. Everything was quiet. Battista went into No. 342 and left his bottle of milk, returning to the wagon as Ruggia entered the vestibule of No. 342, carrying a lantern in one hand and a cap holding six milk bottles in the other.

FIRED INTO THE PROSTRATE BODY OF THEIR VICTIM.

As Battista leaned over to refill his carrying case, he says he heard a sudden noise from the dark vestibule, and then a shot, followed by a scream of "Help me! Help me!" from Ruggia. Almost immediately there were two more shots, and four men dashed from the doorway. Two fled toward Irving avenue, starting to fire two more shots into Ruggia's prostrate body, and the others two rushed to the wagon and covered Battista.

"Don't move!" said one, "or we'll get you!" All the speaking was in Italian.

Battista, terrified, obeyed. The fleeing men turned the corner and disappeared, and then the two who were menacing Battista turned the opposite way and ran toward Knickerbocker avenue.

HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCH WITHOUT RESULTS.

Policemen William Fenney and Albert Smith of the Hamburg avenue station heard the shots, and arrived to find Battista trembling in the wagon and hundreds of excited tenement house dwellers yelling from the windows and pouring into the street. A telephone alarm to the station brought the reserves with Detectives Patton and Wooley, who at once began a house to house inquiry, but without definite results.

On the dead man was found a loaded revolver, which the detectives took to mean that he had been expecting trouble. Patton recalled that the brothers had fallen foul of the Black Hand once before, as several months ago Domenico, while delivering milk along the same block, found himself padlocked inside a vestibule while thieves ran away with his horse and wagon.

PROBABLY REFUSED FRESH DEMANDS FOR MONEY.

The brothers later received letter proposing to return the horse and wagon for \$100. They turned this letter over to the police, and Patton says that recently an arrest was about to be made when Domenico Ruggia came and informed the police that his horse and wagon had been returned. It is believed that he paid the \$100 and that the brother's death this morning followed either his threat to re-open the case or his refusal to accede to fresh demands.

All five of the bullets took effect and death was practically instantaneous.

Battista, though loth to tell the police anything and badly frightened, said that the man who seemed to be the leader was about thirty years old, his hair four inches tall and weighed about 14 pounds. His bandana mask partly covered his face, and he wore a black cap, with a rim of fur on it, that fell off as he ran. The possession of the police. The other man, Battista says, were about the same size and weighed perhaps 165 pounds. All wore caps and dark clothes.

BEAT NON-UNION WORKMAN.

William Lennan, twenty-three years old, a sheet metal worker, of No. 518 West Forty-seventh street, was arrested before Magistrate Kernerhan in West Side Court to-day and held in \$1,000 bail for further examination on a charge of felonious assault. The complainant, Adam Miller, a non-union metal worker, charged that on December 18 last Lennon and three other strikers attacked him on the roof of the West Side Branch of the Y. M. C. A., at Fifty-sixth street, near Eighth avenue, and beat him with an iron bar.

The prisoner was arrested to-day at the headquarters of the sheet metal workers' union, St. Marks place and Third avenue, by Detective Evans, warrant officer of the West Side Court. There was a small fight when Evans pushed out Lennon, and he had to summon assistance.

Mme. Eames to Sing at the Plaza.

To-morrow morning will bring a large and fashionable crowd to the Plaza, for Mme. Eames and Mr. de Gogorza will make their first appearance in New York, singing at the second of the "Chansons en Crinolines" given by Mrs. Hawkesworth. Many luncheon parties are to be given at the conclusion of the programme. Among those entertaining are Mrs. Sayles, Mrs. Macay, Mrs. A. Frost, Mrs. Biscoe, and Miss

ROSSITER FORFEITS BOND IN BRIDGE 'MASHING' CASE.

Railroad Official's Son Fails to Appear to Answer Charge and Loses \$1,000 Bail.

The 1000 bail of Edward T. Rossiter, son of the late E. V. W. Rossiter, for many years vice-president of the New York Central Railroad Company, was forfeited by Judge Malone in General Sessions to-day on motion of Assistant District Attorney Wasservogel. Rossiter is under indictment charged with having insulted Ethel Maurer, a ten-year-old girl, at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge on June 26 last.

At the time of his arrest, which was caused by an effort of the child's mother to beat him with an umbrella, Rossiter gave the name of Powers. He told his right name only when threatened with indictment for perjury. Judge Steinert held him for Special Sessions and James W. Osborne was engaged as counsel. Mr. Osborne had the case transferred to the Grand Jury, which promptly indicted Rossiter.

The case was set for trial eight days ago. No response by the defendant and his counsel had been made when it was called. When finally appeared to-day, Judge Malone forfeited the bond and gave Detective Thomas a bench warrant to serve on Rossiter, who lives at No. 23 Stanford avenue, White Plains. He is a clerk in the Marine Department of the New York Central. A month before his arrest he was threatened by George W. Reilly for trying to force his attention on Helly's young daughter on a Long Island train. It was alleged.

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